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1. FURTHER EDITORIAL IN "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF MARCH 3 BY CHIEF EDITOR KYROU AGAIN STRONGLY CRITICIZES TURKISH OIL CONCESSIONS IN AEGEAN (REF).

2. KYROU HINTS THAT "ALLIED (I. E. NATO) FACTOR " ENCOURAGING GOT FOR SAKE OF "BALANCE OF POWER IN AEGEAN" AND PREDICTS THAT GREEK PEOPLE WILL REJOICE WHEN FIRST TURKISH OIL INSTALLATIONS BLOWN UP. SUCH ACTION, HE CLAIMS, WOULD BE MORE POPULAR THAN METAXAS STAND AGAINST ITALIANS. TURKS AND "THEIR MANAGERS" SHOULD NOTE THAT GREECE WILL RESPOND FORCIBLY TO ANY ATTEMPTS TO "ROB" GREEK OIL.

3. COMMENTARY BY NICOLAOS MERTZOS IN SAME
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PAPER POINTS OUT THAT GREEK NAVY NOW

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HAS FRENCH MISSILE BOATS AND THREE GERMAN "ELECTRONIC"
SUBMARINES AND WOULD BE IN GOOD POSITION TO RESPOND TO
"UNACCEPTABLE NATIONAL PROVOCATION".
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